

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gary W. Ferrell et al. PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No.: 10/559,894 Group Art Unit:  
IA Filing Date: June 3, 2004 Examiner:  
Confirmation No.: 2856 Attorney Docket No.: SEZ-022  
For: UNIFORM CAVITATION FOR PARTICLE REMOVAL

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir or Madam:

Petitioners Frances Ferrell, the legal representative of deceased joint inventor Gary W. Ferrell, and John Schipper, are two of the three joint inventors in the above-identified application. Petitioners Ferrell and Schipper hereby petition the United States Patent and Trademark Office to make application for patent for the above-identified patent application on behalf of themselves and the nonsigning joint inventor, Jagjit Ratra.

In this Petition, Petitioners submit proof that one of the joint inventors, Jagjit Ratra, refused to sign the Declaration for this application for patent despite repeated attempts to have him sign the Declaration. Enclosed is a Statement of Facts by Thomas Schneck, Patent Attorney, providing first-hand knowledge of attempts to have Jagjit Ratra sign the Declaration. Exhibits showing the attempts to have Jagjit Ratra sign the Declaration are included.

Also included in this Petition is a Declaration signed by deceased joint inventor Gary W. Ferrell's legal representative Frances Ferrell and John Schipper, to be treated as having been signed by all of the available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventor, Jagjit Ratra.

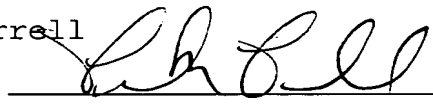
Petitioners submit that the last known address of the nonsigning joint inventor, Jagjit Ratra, is 1454 Inwood Court, Campbell, CA 95008.

The Petition is accompanied by the petition fee in the amount of \$130 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

In view of the attached documents and remarks made herein, Petitioners respectfully request that this application be granted Rule 1.47(a) status.

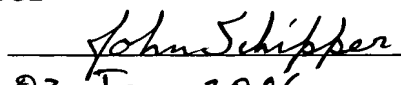
Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ferrell

Signature: 

Date: 5-24-06

John Schipper

Signature: 

Date: 02 June 2006

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Statement of Facts Detailing Refusal of  
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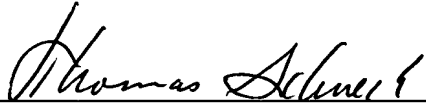
I, Thomas Schneck, am a patent attorney and am authorized to act for SEZ America, Inc. in matters relating to the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) to file patent application serial number 10/559,894 ("the '894 application"). I am filing this Statement of Facts with regard to my attempts to have Jagjit Ratra sign the Declaration of the '894 application and his refusal to do so.

I have contacted Mr. Ratra by mail to request that he execute a Declaration and Assignment for the '894 application. On December 28, 2005, I mailed via certified mail a letter requesting Mr. Ratra to sign an enclosed Declaration and Assignment for the '894 application. A copy of this letter, its enclosures, the certified mail receipt, and proof of receipt are attached as Exhibit A of this Petition. I received no response to this letter, and on March 29, 2006, I again mailed Mr. Ratra via certified mail a letter

requesting Mr. Ratra to sign the enclosed Declaration and Assignment for the '894 application. A copy of this letter, its enclosures, and the certified mail receipt are attached as Exhibit B of this Petition. Mr. Ratra again did not sign the Declaration or Assignment.

As shown above, despite repeated attempts to have Mr. Ratra sign the Declaration, he has refused to cooperate in this matter. I have received an unsigned letter dated April 20, 2006, attached as Exhibit C, which purports to be from Mr. Ratra, that indicates that he will not cooperate in the matter of this patent application.

Date: June 6, 2006

  
Thomas Schneck